

APSU Writing Center Exemplification Essay

Exemplification Essay

- An exemplification essay is a type of argumentative essay that
 - Utilizes examples to support and illustrate a thesis statement or main argument.
 - Focuses more on real-world examples and practical evidence rather than abstract reasoning.

What's the difference?

- **Exemplification Essay:** Utilizes **specific examples**, anecdotes, statistics, or case studies to illustrate and reinforce the thesis.
 - Example: "Recent data from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) illustrates..."
- **Argumentative Essay:** Relies on **logical reasoning**, evidence, and persuasive techniques to support the thesis.
 - Example: "The government should implement stricter regulations on carbon emissions to..."

How to write an Exemplification Essay:

- **Choose a topic**
 - Example: "The impact of social media on interpersonal relationships is..."
- **Develop a thesis statement**
 - Example: "Social media has both positive and negative effects on..."
- **Find Sources**
 - Example: "According to a study by XYZ Research Institute, 75% of..."
- **Create an Outline**
 - Introduction: Overview of...
 - Body Paragraph 1: Positive effects on...
 - Body Paragraph 2: Negative effects on...
 - Conclusion: Summary of the impact of...
- **Write the Rough Draft**
 - Example: For instance, a longitudinal study conducted by Harvard Medical School found that..."
- **Revise and Edit**
 - Check for clarity, coherence, and grammar errors. Ensure each example effectively supports your thesis.

Sentence Examples

- "In today's society, technology has become an integral part of our daily lives."
- "Education is a fundamental right that lays the foundation for individual success and societal progress."
- "For example, smartphones have revolutionized communication by allowing instant access to information and facilitating real-time interaction with others."
- "In conclusion, urgent action is required to mitigate the effects of climate change and protect the planet for future generations."

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Questions to Answer

- **Who:**
 - Who is affected by the problem or phenomenon being discussed?
 - Who are the experts or authorities whose opinions or research can be cited?
- **What:**
 - What is the main thesis or argument of the essay?
 - What specific examples can be used to support the thesis?
 - What are the key concepts or terms that need to be defined for the reader?
- **When:**
 - When did the issue or phenomenon being discussed emerge or become relevant?
 - When have specific events or developments occurred that are relevant to the topic?
- **Where:**
 - Where does the issue or phenomenon occur geographically?
 - Where have specific examples or instances of the topic been documented?
- **Why:**
 - Why do certain examples or instances illustrate the thesis effectively?
 - Why should the reader care about the argument being presented?
- **How:**
 - How does the evidence or examples support the thesis statement?
 - How might the problem or issue be addressed or resolved based on the analysis provided?



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